Compensation for Fire incidents in the Jungles

† 2087. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission had sanctioned an amount of Rs. Ten crore for the year 1999 as a special Central assistance for compensating the loss suffered due to fire incidents in the jungles in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the amount alongwith the items on which the said amount has been spent for protecting forests from fire in the central areas of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Planning Commission had approved Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 10 crore to the State of Uttar Pradesh for 1999-2000 for prevention and control of forest fires in the State. Further, on a request of the State Government, the amount was revalidated for utilization during the year 2000-2001. After bifurcation of the State, Rs. 542.20 lakhs was allocated to Uttaranchal and the balance amount *i.e.* Rs. 457.80 lakhs was allocated to Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Out of the total alloted amount of Rs. 457.80 lakhs to Uttar Pradesh, Rs. 449.80 lakhs was provisionally utilized in the year 2000-01. The State Government has requested for revalidation of the balance amount *i.e.* Rs. 8 lakhs for the year 2001-02. Out of the allotted amount of Rs. 542.20 lakhs to Uttaranchal, Rs. 249.332 was utilized in the year 2000-01.

The item wise expenditure is shown in the statement.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Item-wise expenditure for protecting forests from fire in the central areas of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal

(i) UTTRANCHAL

SI. No.	Particulars	Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Maintenance of Fire Inspection Roads and Fire-Lines	2001.60 kg	119.994
2.	Fire finder/Binocular		
3.	Other instruments:	6 nos.	0.30
	a) Hand tool set	240 nos.	4.80
	b) Fireproof dress	1455 nos.	29.10
	c) First Aid Kit	114 nos.	0.798
4.	Fine needles brickets	500 nos.	25.00
5.	Training to villagers	467	9.34
6.	Providing fire protection implements to villagers	900	18.00
7.	Publication of literature	—	4.00
8.	Establishment of Crew station	38 nos.	38.00
	TOTAL		249.332

(ii) UTTAR PRADESH

(Provisional Expenditure)

SI. No.	Particulars	Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Communication system		
	a) Wireless set (148), batteries/battery charger (54)	148	29.70
	b) High frequency sets	5	6.00
	c) Computer with printer	4	8.89
2.	Mobility system		
	a) Truck	21	107.25
	b) Tractor attached with tanker and trolley	10	44.82
	c) Jeep/Gypsy	26	106.86
	d) Motor cycle	33	14.55
	e) Buldozer	1	10.04

SI. No.	Particulars	Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)
3.	Maintenance of Fire Inspection Roads and Fire lines	482 km.	45.52
4.	Hand tool sets for Department/villagers	670	12.31
5.	Fire fighting clothing and kit	4099	27.72
6.	Training to villagers	42	5.04
7.	Renovation of fire crew stations	9	21.00
8.	Rain water harvesting structure	7	3.75
9.	First Aid Kit	258	1.75
10.	Miscellaneous expenditure	—	4.60
	TOTAL		449.80

Toll system for National Highways

2088. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish a toll system for the entire National Highways;

(b) whether this toll system would be in perpetuity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir. Govt, has proposed levying of user fee on National Highway Sections converted from the existing 2-lane to 4-lane divided carriageway facility.

(b) Yes, Sir. Tolling will be in perpetuity.

(c) User fee would be levied on the National Highway Sections as and when they are upgraded from existing 2-lanes to 4-lane divided carriageway facility. Govt, has notified capping rates for user fee for different category of vehicles at June 1997 price level, which is as below—

Type of vehicle	Rate Per Km. Per Trip (in Rupee)
Car/Jeep/Van	0.40
Light Commercial Vehicles (Light Goods vehicles)	0.70
Trucks or buses	1.40
Heavy Construction Machinery and Earth Moving Equipment	3.00